

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

SUBMITTING

Estimate of appropriation for printing the statutes of the Territory of Oklahoma.

JULY 1, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *July 1, 1892.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, the recommendation of the First Comptroller of the Treasury of the 30th ultimo, and its inclosure, for an appropriation for printing 1,000 additional copies of the statutes of the Territory of Oklahoma, \$5,000.

Respectfully, yours,

CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Washington, June 30, 1892.

SIR: The letter of Secretary Robert Martin, of Oklahoma Territory, written on the 20th instant, to Secretary Noble, and by him referred to you and by you to this office, is respectfully returned with the remark that I know of no appropriation out of which the necessary expense of printing the additional copies of the statutes of Oklahoma Territory can be paid. From the statement of Secretary Martin it seems to me the work should be done, and I therefore respectfully recommend that the attention of Congress be invited to the subject, to the end that the necessary appropriation may be made.

Very respectfully,

A. C. MATTHEWS,
Comptroller.

Hon. CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary of the Treasury.

TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA, SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Guthrie, Okla., June 30, 1892.

DEAR SIR: At the close of the legislature of Oklahoma Territory, December 24, 1890, I got 1,000 copies of the statutes printed, 100 bound in law sheep and 900 bound in paper. This was in accordance with my instructions and with the law at that time. I distributed the statutes among the county officers and certain township officers, as directed by the law passed by our legislature. I sold none, although the law provided that I might do so, but I kept all that was not thus distributed to county and township officers to supply new counties to be created out of territory not yet opened. Eight new counties have since been added to the number we had then. I have furnished the statutes to these counties also. The supply is now getting pretty well exhausted, and should the Cherokee Strip open soon, or when it does, I will have but few for the new counties to be organized therein.

Now, with the probability of having no legislature for some time, and the probability of the Strip being opened before long, as well as several other reservations that may soon be opened to settlement, I am puzzled to know how to supply the new counties with laws. Would Congress make an appropriation for printing and binding another 1,000 copies? I had a talk with the printer to-day about the cost of another 1,000 copies printed, and he thinks they would cost from \$6,000 to \$7,000, which would include a better index than our statutes now have. We were so hurried when we first got out the statutes that we did not perfectly index them, and in this particular the book is deficient. I think, however, we might get along with a possible appropriation of \$5,000, and at farthest \$6,000.

This is "a condition that confronts me, and not a theory," and I know of no other way of meeting the case.

Yours, very truly,

ROBERT MARTIN,
Secretary.

Hon. JOHN W. NOBLE,
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, June 23, 1892.

Respectfully referred to the First Assistant Secretary.

J. W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, June 24, 1892.

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury.

GEO. CHANDLER,
First Assistant Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, June 23, 1892.

Respectfully referred to the honorable First Comptroller for his recommendation.

CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary.

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